Victoria-Vancouver Run

Copters May Capture Market

Rotary-wing aircraft will probably command all of the Victoria-Vancouver air passenger traffic by 1965, and perhaps all the Seattle-Victoria traffic as well. Glenn McPherson, president of Okanagan Helicopters, told The Colonist yesterday.

His firm has already ordered a $1,200,000 Fairey Rotodyne aircraft with which to inaugurate a downtown-Victoria to downtown-Vancouver service in 1962.

With 70-passenger capacity, one Rotodyne will handle most of the point-to-point traffic between the two cities. It would make no inroads on east-west trans-Canada traffic to and from Victoria.

Landing at Vancouver airport to pick up or discharge passengers from a downtown-to-downtown flight would be uneconomic, Mr. McPherson said, due to very high fuel consumption on take-off.

However, Okanagan will probably put a second Rotodyne on a route originating at Vancouver airport and ending in downtown Victoria.

When the Rotodynes become available in quantity the use of fixed-wing aircraft between Patricia Bay Airport and Vancouver airport will probably end unless trans-continental air carriers decide to originate trans-Canada flights at Patricia Bay.

Mr. McPherson said Okanagan has no intention of developing its own terminal facilities here or in Vancouver, but it has some pretty definite thoughts on what kind of facilities are needed.

The company president said an area about 300 or 400 feet long and 200 to 400 feet wide would be needed if the terminal was to be able to service two Rotodynes simultaneously.

Best Dancer

Winner of Nanaimo Lions Club trophy as outstanding competitor under 15 in Upper Island Musical Festival Highland dancing was 12-year-old Angus MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. MacKenzie of 1912 Allenby. Angus, who has been dancing four years, also was member of Oaklands School's winning entry. He is pupil of Adeline Duncan.

CBC Says It's Sorry

Pearson Didn't Clap

TORONTO (CP)—The CBC has apologized to Liberal leader Lester Pearson for a television incident in which he appeared to be applauding an anti-labor remark by Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland, it was reported yesterday.

Two TV newscasts April 8 included Mr. Smallwood's address to the Ottawa Canadian Club earlier that day. Inserted in them was a shot of Mr. Pearson applauding after the Newfoundland premier said his government would not tolerate "union gangsterism" nor submit to threats by Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labor Congress.

Mr. Smallwood made his remarks while referring to the strike in Newfoundland by the International Woodworkers of America, CLC.

The dubbed-in shot of Mr. Pearson was actually taken during the general applause at the end of the address.

TV ON FARMS

A 1958 survey showed 70 per cent of all farm homes in the United States have television sets and 97 per cent have radios.

Career Advice Ending Tonight

Last in the current series of counselling sessions for graduating students in Greater Victoria high schools will be held from 7 to 9 tonight in the National Employment Service offices, 1039 Johnson.

Oak Bay police chief Robert Smith, chairman of the youth service committe of Oak Bay Kiwanis Club, said about 100 students are expected to attend. They will receive personal guidance from 25 business and professional men and women.

Ald. Austin Curtis will attend as an observer in his capacity of Kiwanis International chairman of vocational guidance for the Pacific Northwest.

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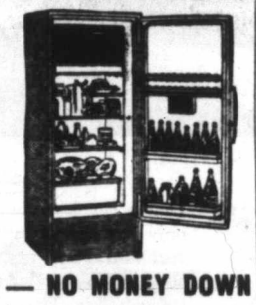

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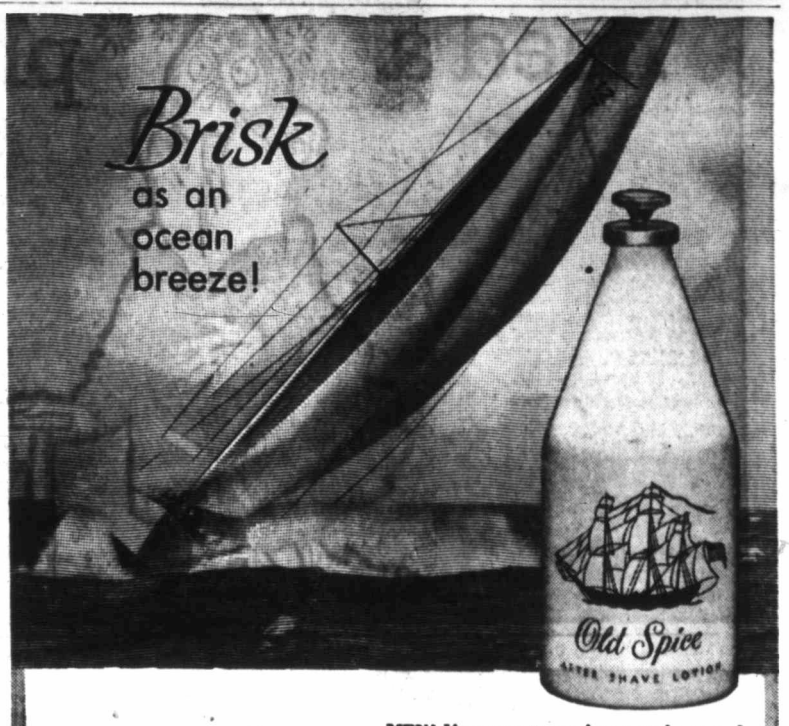

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